

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 15-20 be canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-14 remain pending. Applicant believes that any amendments herein to the patent application do not add new matter to it.

### Restriction Requirement

The present Office Action alleges that a restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 701, subclass 117.
- II. Claims 15-20, drawn to a process, classified in class 701, subclass 210.

The present Office Action also alleges that if Invention I is elected, a selection of a single species of each of the following Markush group of species is required:

- A. the first system variable available in applicant's traffic communication system;
- B. the signal available in applicant's traffic communication system;
- C. the devices available in applicant's traffic communication system;
- D. the areas available in applicant's traffic communication system; and
- E. the communication devices available in applicant's traffic communication system.

However, the present Office Action alleges that if Invention II is elected, a selection of a single species of the following Markush group of species is required:

- F. the system variable available in applicant's method.

Election Without Traverse Between  
Invention I and Invention II

Applicant elects without traverse Invention I, recited in Claims 1-14, drawn to an apparatus.

Election of Species Without Traverse

In order to comply with the requirement for restriction, the Applicant elects without traverse:

- "roadway conditions" of species A;
- "an acoustic signal" of species B;
- "stop light" of species C;
- "a roof" of species D; and
- "an acoustic transmitter" of species E.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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